GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE FACILITY TO PANCHAYATS
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone facility has been provided to all village panchayats of the country by the Government;

(b) if so, the number of village panchayats where telephone facility has not been provided so far, particularly in Jharkhand, district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide better telephone facilities to village panchayats?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. 35,525 Village Panchayats have not been provided with telecom facility in the country as on 1.11.2001. 1,338 village panchayats are still without telecom facility in Jharkhand. District-wise details are given in the enclosed Annexure.

(c) New technologies like Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), CDOT TDMA/PMP and satellite are being inducted for covering remaining village panchayats. Faulty Multi Access Radio Relay (MARR) based village public telephones are planned to be replaced by new technology equipment subject to availability of funds.

Annexure

Telephone Facility to Panchayats

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Panchayats without telephone facility
1	Chatra	62
2	Giridih	201
3	Kodarma	141
4	Hazaribagh	117
5	East Singhbhum	0
6	West Singhbhum	0
7	Saraikela	0
8	Latohar	50
9	Garhwa	72
10	Palamau	90
11	Dumka	151
12	Deoghar	85
13	Godda	66
14	Sahibganj	46
15	Pakur	76
16	Jamtara	32
17	Ranchi	60
18	Gumla	22
19	Lohardaga	14
20	Simdega	53
21	Shanbad	0
22	Bekaro	0
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